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REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good 1 afternoon. My name is Ron Pridgin, and I'm a Regulatory 2 3 Law Judge from the Missouri Public Service Commission, 4 and I will be conducting this afternoon's local public 5 hearing in case No. EO-2007-0037, in the matter of 6 investigations into AmerenUE storm restoration efforts. 7 The purpose of the hearing today is for the Commission 8 to take your remarks concerning AmerenUE storm restoration efforts. If you wish to testify, you could 9 10 add your name to the list of speakers who will be called to testify. I do have a list up here with some names on 11 12 here. If we have some others who wish to testify, I 13 would appreciate it if you would sign up. 14 Please keep in mind that this is a formal hearing and those wishing to testify will be sworn in. 15 16 If for religious reasons you do not wish to be sworn, 17 please inform me when you're at the microphone and I will ask that your testimony be affirmed instead. 18 I would ask that the persons who are 19 20 testifying be allowed to testify without interruption or 21 distraction and ask for all to be quiet during testimony 22 so that we and the court reporter can hear. And again, 23 I ask that you keep in mind that this hearing concerns 24 only AmerenUE storm restoration efforts. This hearing is not about fuel surcharges. That hearing was held 25

last month. It's not about AmerenUE's proposed rate
 increase. We will be back for some hearings in this
 area later.

At this hearing, we want your experience with the storm restoration efforts and your belief about what should or could have been done to avoid the loss of electrical service or what should or could have been done to bring the service back more guickly.

9 Let me introduce some people up at the table 10 with me. To my far left is Doug Healy. This is 11 Chairman Jeff Davis' personal adviser. And also to my 12 immediate left is Commissioner Robert Clayton. I 13 believe that before I begin with all witnesses that 14 Commissioner Clayton has some opening remarks. Your 15 record, sir.

COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Thank you, Judge. I 16 17 just wanted to welcome everyone who is here today. We've been touring the region, having conversations 18 about the storm that occurred in August of this year as 19 20 well as other reliability issues. We've taken testimony 21 at a number of different locations, and we appreciate 22 the opportunity to come to Farmington and especially 23 appreciate the beautiful facilities. This is a 24 beautiful building, and we're glad to be here. We look forward to the testimony, and although I'm only one 25

1 member of a five-member commission, I do want the 2 speakers here today to be aware that a transcript will 3 be made of this and the other four commissioners will 4 have an opportunity to review the remarks.

5 Our staff is here. You've met them. The 6 Public Service Commission staff. If you have specific 7 concerns or complaints that you feel need to be 8 addressed, I would urge you to take advantage of the 9 staff that is here. They can look into the matter and 10 perhaps offer some suggestions on how best to resolve 11 that.

I would also remind you that there are folks here from Ameren who I'm sure will offer some personal attention to any particular complaints or regards that you may have at this time. And we also have at least one if not two individuals from AT&T that are here if there are any reliability issues associated with telephone service.

19 So on behalf of the other four members of 20 the Commission, Chairman Davis' personal adviser is 21 here, I appreciate those who are here and we look 22 forward to the testimony as we try to find solutions to 23 these difficult problems.

24 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: Commissioner,25 thank you. And let me make sure that the folks in the

1 audience are aware of who is here to answer your 2 questions. If I can have the folks from AmerenUE just 3 raise your hand to identify yourselves or please stand. 4 And any members on behalf of AT&T Missouri, thank you. 5 And we have some staff, we have Lauren Wood who will be 6 able to answer questions. They were available in the 7 question and answer session, but just in case you came 8 in late. Greg Ocho there in the back is our public information officer and our public counsel Louis Mills 9 10 who represents the public. You may speak to any of these people after the hearing and they'll be glad to 11 12 answer any questions. Are there any questions about the 13 procedure or any questions before we begin?

Again, just to briefly explain, I will call 14 the witnesses one at a time and I'll ask you to be sworn 15 16 and I'll ask you a few preliminary questions such as 17 your name. I'll ask you to spell your name for the 18 court reporter so she can get it in the record correctly and your address and if you're an AmerenUE customer, and 19 20 then I'll ask for your remarks on the storm restoration 21 efforts. Any questions before I call the first witness? 22 Okay. I see on the first line a couple have signed up. 23 Jean and Joe Kycynka. Did I pronounce that name 24 correctly?

MR. KYCYNKA: Yes.

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REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: And which of 1 you would like to testify first? If you will come 2 3 forward. 4 (Witness sworn.) REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: If you'll 5 6 please step up to the mike and state your name for the 7 record and spell your last name for the court reporter. 8 MS. KYCYNKA: My name is Jean Kycynka, K-y-c-y-n-k-a. I live at 462 Wallen Road, which is St. 9 10 Francois County, but it's just two or three miles 11 outside of the perimeter of Bismarck. 12 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: And are you a customer of AmerenUE? 13 14 MS. KYCYNKA: Yes, sir, I am. 15 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: All right. Ms. Kycynka, whenever you are ready, do you have any remarks 16 concerning AmerenUE's storm restoration efforts? 17 MS. KYCYNKA: I do. 18 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: Whenever 19 20 you're ready. 21 MS. KYCYNKA: May I? 22 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, ma'am. 23 MS. KYCYNKA: Concerning the last storm that 24 we had going from the 19th of July to July 24th, we were out of electric for five days. During this time, I 25

would say about the third day into the storm, I had 1 2 called AmerenUE several times trying to establish when 3 we would be back online. And they were unable to tell 4 me exactly -- they simply said, "We're working on it." 5 In the meantime, like the third day, I saw 6 two AmerenUE trucks at different times go down Wallen 7 Road past my house, and I thought, gee whiz, this is 8 great. Today we're going to have our electric 9 reestablished. By the end of that day, we still were 10 not back online, so I called AmerenUE again. And she said, "Well, Mrs. Kycynka, they are no trucks in your 11 12 area at this time." I said, "Yes, ma'am, there are. 13 Two of them today went past my house and I assumed it was to reestablish -- get us back online." And she 14 said, "No, all the AmerenUE trucks have been called to 15 16 St. Louis." I said, "Why didn't they fix it while they 17 were here? I mean, are St. Louis customers more valued than the rural areas down here?" And she said, "Well, I 18 can't speak to that, but all the trucks have been 19 20 recalled to the St. Louis area. There are no trucks in 21 your area." And we were out until the following Monday 22 at 10:30. So we went from July 19th at six o'clock p.m. 23 to Monday -- the following Monday the 24th at 10:30 a.m. 24 As far as the AmerenUE service, I just don't 25 think that the rural areas down here get very good

1 service. And I think that's all I have to say.

2 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Kycynka,
3 thank you very much and let me see if we have any
4 questions from the commissioner or I might have some
5 questions.

6 MS. KYCYNKA: Thank you for the opportunity 7 to pass that information on. I appreciate it. 8 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're quite welcome. Commissioner, do you have any questions? 9 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Yes, Judge. Thank 10 you, Ms. Kycynka. First of all, I want to talk about 11 12 some general items. We talked a little bit before so 13 this may be some repetition here, but I want to make sure it gets on the record. Aside from the storm, you 14 said that the general service of Ameren you're not happy 15 16 with it or it's not very good. Can you explain to me 17 aside from the storm that occurred in July or August of this year why you say the service is not very good? 18 MS. KYCYNKA: I think my husband was going 19 20 to talk about that, but I will answer your question and 21 then we can reestablish --22 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: We can do it at that 23 time. MS. KYCYNKA: Well, it's just that during 24 just normal rainstorms, if there's a little bit of wind 25

blowing we're out of electricity. For how long, it 1 2 could be a couple of hours. It could be all day long. 3 It could be from one day to the next. I just don't 4 think we're getting as good of service from AmerenUE as 5 we have for many, many years from Black River Electric. 6 We had good service out of our co-op. 7 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Is it your testimony 8 that the power goes out for some length of time every 9 time it rains? 10 MS. KYCYNKA: I will not say that, no, but frequently, and it doesn't have to be a horrendous storm 11 12 like we had on July 19th. COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Would you say 50 13 percent of the time it rains the power goes out? 14 15 MS. KYCYNKA: Oh, boy. That's really hard 16 to say. COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Is it a majority of 17 the rain -- whenever it rains? 18 19 MS. KYCYNKA: I can say a lot of just normal storms. 20 21 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: And on how many of 22 those occasions would you say the power is out longer 23 than --MS. KYCYNKA: Mostly hours. It's mostly 24 hours. It could be say, if the electric went off in the 25

morning, it could be say five or six o'clock in the 1 2 afternoon when it's reestablished. And that's not to 3 mention all the power glitches that we have where the 4 power goes off for a few seconds, knocks out all your 5 timing on the stove and everything else and you have to 6 go around and reset everything. 7 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Aside from the 8 five-day period when you were out of power, what is the longest period of time that you've been without 9 10 electricity? 11 MS. KYCYNKA: That was three months prior 12 and that was on April the 2nd, the same situation again. 13 We were out for several days, people lost all their food in their refrigerator. 14 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: And that was in 2006? 15 MS. KYCYNKA: Yes, sir. Yes. 16 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: And what is the next 17 longest period of time? 18 19 MS. KYCYNKA: It was the July 19th. COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Of 2006, this year? 20 21 MS. KYCYNKA: Yes. 22 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: And the next longest 23 or -- you've got five days and then multiple days in 24 April? MS. KYCYNKA: Uh-huh. 25

COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: What would be the 1 2 next longest period, does anything come to mind? 3 MS. KYCYNKA: No, it doesn't. Not offhand. 4 Not for any length of time since then, but we've had a 5 lot of these little power glitches to where you're out 6 of electricity to where you're out of power for a few 7 seconds to a few minutes. 8 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: How many times in 9 2006 has your electricity gone out? MS. KYCYNKA: Oh, boy. I wouldn't even know 10 to tell you that. I don't know. Several, quite a few. 11 12 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Two, five, 10, 20? MS. KYCYNKA: I'd say at least 10 or 15. 13 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: 10 or 15 times? 14 MS. KYCYNKA: 10 or 15 times under normal 15 storm circumstances. And that would be like maybe a 16 17 couple of hours to an all day, you know, outage. COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Okay. Now, on 18 19 those 10 to 15 times would you call Ameren on each of 20 those occasions? 21 MS. KYCYNKA: I always call Ameren. 22 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: When you have an 23 outage? 24 MS. KYCYNKA: When we have an outage, I always call Ameren. 25

COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Aside from this 1 2 particular storm, are you satisfied with the service 3 that you receive over the --4 MS. KYCYNKA: No, sir, I'm not. 5 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Tell me why you're 6 not satisfied. 7 MS. KYCYNKA: We're not satisfied because of 8 the length of time it takes to reestablish our 9 electricity. COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: So you're not 10 11 satisfied with their physical response to getting your 12 electricity back on. MS. KYCYNKA: I'm not satisfied with the 13 response we are getting, yeah. 14 15 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Are you satisfied the 16 information that they give you over the telephone? MS. KYCYNKA: They don't give you 17 information over the telephone. They will say that, 18 well, we're aware of your outage and we'll get to it as 19 20 soon as possible. Now, there were a couple of times 21 where they would tell me we hope to have you back online 22 in three hours or something like that. 23 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Did you have 24 difficulties getting through on the phone system during the storm outage? 25

MS. KYCYNKA: No. 1 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: So you were able to 2 3 reach a live person? 4 MS. KYCYNKA: I was, yeah. 5 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. 6 MS. KYCYNKA: And I asked to speak to the 7 supervision, too, not just the person who answered the 8 phone. I went higher than that. 9 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Are you aware of whether or not Ameren has been trimming trees in the St. 10 11 Francois area? 12 MS. KYCYNKA: Yes, I have seen them trim 13 trees. 14 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Are you aware of the need of more trimming that you've seen out there that 15 16 you've personally seen? 17 MS. KYCYNKA: Yes, right on our road. Maybe my husband would like to speak to some of that stuff. 18 19 Would that be all right? COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: That would be fine. 20 21 You said you don't live in Farmington? 22 MS. KYCYNKA: No, we're St. Francois County, 23 but our mailing address is Bismarck, but we're not in 24 the city of Bismarck. We're in the county. 25 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. How long have

you lived at your address, an approximation? 1 2 MS. KYCYNKA: Oh, boy. I would say 25, 26 3 years. 4 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Did you have 10 to 15 5 outages a year when you were with the co-op? 6 MS. KYCYNKA: No, and the response was much 7 faster. I mean, when we had Black River Electric and we 8 called in, they were good to have it restored quickly. 9 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. I appreciate 10 it. 11 MS. KYCYNKA: They were used to handling 12 just the rural areas. AmerenUE maybe has maybe a lot 13 more area than they can handle. We were, you know --Black River, that's what they did. They served us rural 14 communities. So maybe that is a problem that AmerenUE 15 16 bit off more territory than they can handle. COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: I appreciate your 17 testimony. I appreciate you coming here. 18 MS. KYCYNKA: Thank you very much for the 19 20 opportunity to pass this information along. 21 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Kycynka, 22 thank you. Mr. Kycynka, did you wish to testify as 23 well, sir? All right. If you would come forward to be 24 sworn, please. 25

(Witness sworn.)

REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: If you would, 1 2 please state your name for the record and spell your 3 last name for the court reporter. 4 MR. KYCYNKA: My name is Joe Kycynka. Last 5 name is spelled K-y-c-y-n-k-a. 6 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: Turn that 7 mike up so that you don't have to stoop down. And were 8 you at the same address as Ms. Kycynka? 9 MR. KYCYNKA: Yes, I sure do. REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: And the 10 same -- you are also an AmerenUE customer? 11 12 MR. KYCYNKA: Yes. REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: Do you have 13 any comments for the Commission, sir? 14 15 MR. KYCYNKA: Well, my wife touched on a few 16 areas I wanted to touch on. I think the glitches are 17 excessive. They're just happening for no reason. The television will black out or something and we've got to 18 reset it. And we do have one of these carbon monoxide 19 20 detectors and when it goes out it beeps real loud. You 21 can hear it throughout the house, which is good. And 22 the next thing, oh, no, we've had another glitch. There 23 goes that beeper again. 24 And when we call, the response is well,

25 we're in the area. Well, yes, we're aware of it. Then

1 it's just there doesn't seem any interest in what we're 2 calling about. We didn't experience this kind of things 3 with Black River. The response was quicker. You look 4 outside and see in a matter of a short period of time 5 there goes the truck down the road or something.

6 We have -- my wife didn't touch on this, but 7 we've repeatedly called back after reporting the outage 8 and they say, well, we'll get a truck in the area. 9 We'll get someone in the area or they're in the area. 10 We'll get the various answers, and then we wait and we wait and maybe two hours, three hours, we think, geez, 11 12 we better call them. Maybe they don't realize we're 13 still out. And it's not a matter of one call. It's a matter of sometimes several calls. "Yes. We're aware 14 of it, and we have a crew coming to the area." Or 15 16 something like that. It's not a response that you can 17 rely on many times, and I don't know who we're talking to. I don't ask for a name, but I feel that that's 18 wrong. And as I said, the glitches are just far too 19 20 many.

And I will say that my wife did call and say there was a couple trucks that just went by our house, and we were told -- we were told by the person that was on the phone -- we have two phones in the house, so I can talk in the hallway, my wife can talk in the bedroom

so we can make a three-way conversation, and we're told 1 2 that they have been pulled out of the area, they've gone 3 back to St. Louis, we don't know when they would be 4 back. And then it continued on for three more days 5 before they finally got the power restored. And that's 6 about all I can say at this time, gentlemen. I want to 7 thank you for allowing me to speak. 8 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Kycynka, thank you. I believe we might have some questions from 9 10 Commissioner Clayton. 11 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Thank you, Mr. 12 Kycynka. Would you say that your outage was similar to 13 outages others experienced in the Bismarck area or the general St. Francois County area? 14 15 MR. KYCYNKA: Well, I don't talk to people 16 about the outages. But many times I have heard people 17 say in general conversations at the restaurant, yeah, we 18 were out again last week, too. COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Let's talk about the 19 20 storm. Let me focus you on the big storm. We have 21 heard testimony the last couple of days about one 22 neighborhood having power, the next neighborhood over or 23 across the street that didn't have any power. I'm just 24 trying to get an idea in -- this is far different being 25 outside of a metropolitan area. Would you say that you

have the whole county that was out about the same amount 1 2 of time or have you heard different amounts of time? 3 MR. KYCYNKA: No. We could look down the 4 highway from our home, look down on the 32, and we saw 5 lights. We saw the street lights on. We saw the store. 6 They had lights and there we sat. And three days later 7 we had lights. So it was only like I would say -- well, 8 down to the end of Wallen Road, maybe a mile, less than 9 a mile. 10 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Customers served by 11 Ameren? 12 MR. KYCYNKA: Yes, yes. They had lights. 13 The town was all lit up and here we were sitting there, a mile on Wallen Road, half mile, and we were still out 14 15 and we were still -- call again, well, we're making an 16 attempt to get it corrected. But as I said, it was like 17 three days later when our lights came on and a mile down the road the whole town was lit up. The stores were in 18 19 operation and all. 20 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Are you in the 21 country or are you in a subdivision? Are you in the 22 county or are you out by yourself? 23 MR. KYCYNKA: No. Well, we're country. 24 We're rural, but there's homes on the road. They were 25 all out, too.

COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: So your neighbors 1 2 were out? 3 MR. KYCYNKA: Everybody was all out, but we 4 could look down the road and see the highway lights, the 5 stores and all, which were out, but when they were back 6 on we still had nothing for days. 7 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Okay. Did -- your 8 wife mentioned or we talked a little bit about tree trimming. Have you noticed where you saw a need for 9 10 trees to be trimmed? 11 MR. KYCYNKA: Well, I haven't seen any 12 trimming on Wallen Road. COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Do you see trees 13 growing in the line? 14 15 MR. KYCYNKA: There's a lot to be desired. 16 They're hanging right by wires and even by the telephone wires and all. Like I said, there are two trees right 17 across from our home had big branches collapse, break, 18 and they are still hanging there and they're just all 19 20 brown and rotted. The leaves are all dead and these 21 branches have just been hanging there for a couple of 22 weeks. No one, even the road department -- I know we 23 have a road department, I know some of them, they ride 24 by. We see their truck.

25 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: I will tell you --

MR. KYCYNKA: They don't seem to care. 1 2 These branches are just -- and I mean big ones. They 3 are just hanging there dead. They're still there right 4 now. 5 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Well, make sure that 6 you stick around so this information can be given to the 7 folks at Ameren and so that we have direct communication 8 on that. Did you ever -- did you-all see or experience 9 any down lines close to your home? 10 MR. KYCYNKA: Any what was that? 11 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Downed lines, wires 12 down on the ground? MS. KYCYNKA: Well, there was a transformer 13 that blew up. 14 15 MR. KYCYNKA: Our neighbor had a transformer 16 blow up. The lady came out of the house said, boy, that 17 was scary. There was a fire, a big flame shot out of it. That was from the tree branch. Now it's in their 18 yard on their property. There's big telephone poles 19 20 right there and a big transformer and this is our 21 neighbor's property line there. And Ameren came out and 22 they worked on it and everything, but this made a huge roar and explosion. And there again, that was a tree. 23 24 I don't know why it was tolerated for that tree to be that close. 25

COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Was that a tree in 1 2 the right of way in the easement? 3 MR. KYCYNKA: It would have been close to 4 it. It would have been close to it. We were at about 5 that line. That was the case there that maybe somebody 6 like Ameren or somebody or the telephone people might 7 have observed that and said, hey, this needs to be 8 looked into. 9 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Did you see it? Did you see the limb that hit it? Was it a tree that came 10 11 over or was it a limb? 12 MR. KYCYNKA: Oh, we saw it after it was all 13 done. They were hauling it out. My neighbor across the road said, boy, I saw that and she said that was scary. 14 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: Was it the whole tree 15 or was it a limb? 16 MR. KYCYNKA: I think it was more like the 17 limbs, but they finally did remove the whole tree 18 because of that. But it was like part of -- maybe like 19 20 the top part was hitting it and toppled over onto the 21 box, but here again that might have been something that 22 someone in that line of work might have seen it or 23 observed and said, hey, that could be a problem some 24 day, which it turned out to be a problem. COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: I don't have any 25

1 other questions. Thank you very much for coming.

2 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Kycynka, 3 thank you for your time and your testimony, sir. 4 MR. KYCYNKA: Thank you. 5 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're quite 6 welcome. I see the next witness is Darrell Holman. Is 7 Mr. Holman here and wish to testify? Darrell Holman. 8 We have one other witness who has crossed his name off. I don't see other names, but Mr. Holman is not going to 9 10 testify. Is there anyone else who wishes to testify? 11 All right. I see no other volunteers, but let me see if 12 we have any types of remarks in closing from 13 Commissioner Clayton. 14 COMMISSIONER CLAYTON: I think I've talked 15 enough, Judge. I'd just like to say thank you to 16 everyone who is here today.

REGULATORY LAW JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. 17 Thank you. And I also want to thank the witnesses and 18 others who attended here and did not testify, but simply 19 20 maybe asked questions during the question and answer 21 session or was simply listening. We appreciate very 22 much your taking time out of your day to come and to 23 participate. If there's nothing further, I see nothing further then that will conclude -- excuse me. This will 24 25 conclude the local public hearing in Case No. EO

1	2007-0037. Thank you very much. We are off the record.
2	Hold on. Excuse me. Yes. We will be in Potosi this
3	evening for a similar hearing at six o'clock. The
4	question and answer session will begin at 5:30 and let
5	me get an address for you. I believe it was the Potosi
6	Intermediate School, if I'm not mistaken. Yes. 367
7	Intermediate Drive in Potosi, the Trojan Intermediate
8	School cafeteria. All right. Thank you very much.
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